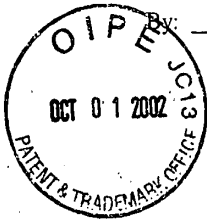


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of Kiyoshi Taguchi <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit: 1764
Conf. No.:	9338	
Appln. No.:	09/357,507	Examiner: F. Varcoe, Jr.
Filed:	July 20, 1999	
For:	Hydrogen Purifying Apparatus	Attorney Docket No. 10059-286 (P20931-01)

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**AFTER FINAL REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

This is a request under 37 CFR 1.114 for continued examination (RCE) of the above identified application in response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2002 (Paper No. 11). Enclosed are the following in support of the RCE under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:

- ☐ Enter the unentered Amendment previously filed on &@ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the above application.
- ☒ An Amendment
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A and cited references.
- ☐ New formal drawings.
- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time to September 23, 2002 for the pending application.
- ☒ Other: Letter to the Official Draftsperson Regarding Proposed Drawing Amendment

The following fees are enclosed:

- ☒ RCE fee of \$740.00 required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e).
- ☐ Extension of time fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_.00

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- ☒ Additional claim fees of \$36.00 for excess claims submitted in the enclosed Amendment, calculated as follows:

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					TOTAL		TOTAL	\$36.00

- ☒ Firm check(s) totalling \$776.00 is enclosed herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 210059.0286) as noted below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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